

Taizé Service at Avondale

July 14, 2022

The poem below was read Thursday, July 14 at the Taizé service.
It is adapted from "Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth;" by Walter Brueggemann.

When the world spins crazy,
Spins wild and out of control
Spins toward rage and hate and violence,
Spins beyond our wisdom and nearly
Beyond our faith,

When the world spins to chaos as it does
now among us ...

We are glad for sobering roots that provide
ballast in the storm.

So we thank you for our rootage in
communities of faith,

for many mothers and fathers

who have believed and trusted

as firm witnesses to us,

for their many stories of wonder, awe, and
healing.

We are glad this night in this company

for the rootage of the text,

for its daring testimony,

for its deep commands,

for its exuberant tales.

Because we know that as we probe deep
into this text ...

clear to its bottom,

we will find you hiding there,

we will find you showing yourself there,

speaking as you do,

governing,

healing,

judging.

And when we meet you hiddenly,

we find the spin not so unnerving,

because from you the world again has a
chance

for life and sense and wholeness.

We pray midst the spinning, not yet
unnerved,

but waiting and watching and listening,

for you are the truth that contains all our
spin.

But give us courage and freedom and faith
... O Prince of Peace.

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Taizé Evensong

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Ringing of Bell

A Time of Silence and Reflection

Silent Prayer: In quiet confidence and solitude, still our hearts and our minds in this time to be open to the mystery of Your Spirit.

Unison Prayer:

Yours is the beauty of childhood and yours is the fullness of life. Comfort us in our sorrow, strengthen us with hope, and breathe peace into our troubled hearts. Assure us that the love we have is not lost, and that all who leave this earth are with you, safe in your eternal love and care. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who held little children in his arms and blessed them.

Song #49: Ubi Caritas

A Time of Silence and Reflection

Song #20: Hear My Prayer

Readings

Song #12: Wait for the Lord

A prayer, followed by The Lord's Prayer*

A Time of Silence and Reflection

Song #47: In the Lord

Please remain in silence and leave at will. Please remember as you leave that others remain in silence.

*The Lord's Prayer: Ecumenical version

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.